

JOINT COSTCO PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING STAFF REPORT

June 27, 2018

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Town Council

Planning Commission Chairman and Commissioners

FROM: Robert F. King, Town Planner

DATE: June 27, 2018

RE: Joint Public Comment Meeting on the Costco Draft Environmental Impact Report

Recommendation

To hold a joint meeting of the Town Council and Planning Commission to receive public comments on the Loomis Costco Draft Environmental Impact Report (Costco DEIR). **Because this is to receive public comments, no action on the project is sought, and none can be taken.**

Issue Statement and Discussion

Costco submitted an application for the construction and operation of a warehouse retail store along the east side of Sierra College Blvd. between Brace Road and Granite Drive, north of the I-80 interchange. The Town determined the project had the potential to impact the environment and directed that an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) be prepared as per the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

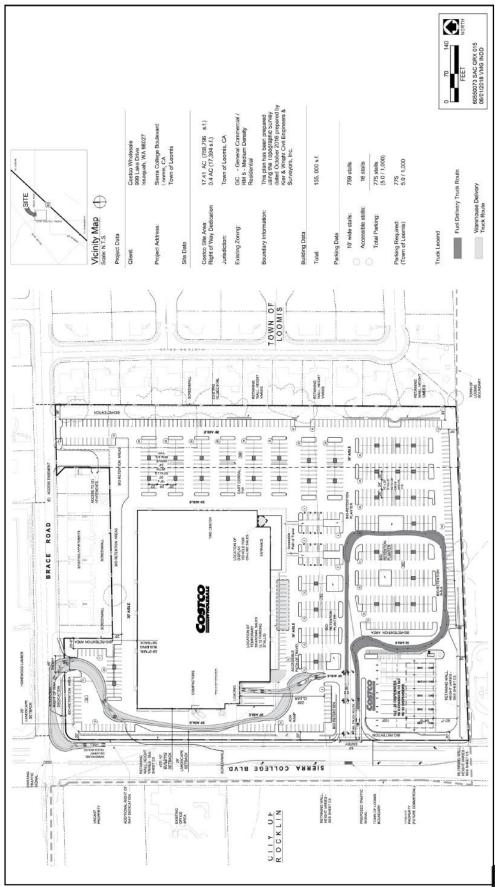
The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) was prepared and sent out for a mandatory 45 day review period which began on June 11, 2018 and ends on July 27, 2018. Comments received during this period are required to be responded to by the Town and become part of the Final EIR (FEIR). While a Public Comment Meeting is not mandated by the CEQA Guidelines it is encouraged, as it provides the public an opportunity to make oral comments along with written comments, that will be responded to in the FEIR.

In order to comply with the Brown Act, this meeting has been noticed as a joint meeting of the Loomis Town Council and Planning Commission. The meeting will be facilitated by staff. Town Council and the Planning Commission will not sit at the front of the room as with typical meetings. Rather, the Mayor and Chairman of the Commission will open their respective meetings, then immediately sit down with the audience. Staff will then facilitate the comment meeting.

The sole purpose of this meeting is to take public comment on the DEIR – not to take comments on the project itself. Commenters should speak directly to the issues discussed in the DEIR.

Copies of the Costco DEIR have been previously distributed. Extra copies are available at Town Hall or the Town's Web Site: www.loomis.ca.gov

On the reverse side of this report, there is a Site Plan of the proposed Costco Project.



Data provided by MG2 and adopted by AECOM in 2018